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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT
KIRCHSCHLAEGER'S INDEPENDENCE DAY GREETINGS

1. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEGER AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE:

BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY
DR. RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER
FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
VIENNA

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
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OCCASION OF THE ONE-HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE
FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH HAVE LONG
CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD
END TEXT

2. FYI: THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEGER'S TELEGRA-
PHIC MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

VIENNA, 1720 HOURS, JULY 3, 1975

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

THE FORTHCOMING CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PROCLAMATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA PROVIDES ME WITH THE PLEASANT OPPORTUNITY TO
CONVEY TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS.
MAY I ADD MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL
BEING, AS WELL AS FOR THE PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER
FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

END TEXT

3. THE USG DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS EXCHANGE OF
CORRESPONDENCE TO THE NEWS MEDIA, BUT WOULD HAVE NO
OBJECTION SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA SO ELECT.

4. THIS TELEGRAM SHOULD BE DECLASSIFIED AFTER THE
DELIVERY OF PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
KIRCHSCHLAEGER. INGERSOLL

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